The Gap Analysis

The Durham Center conducts a periodic analysis to obtain community-wide information about:

- Access to mental health, developmental disability, and substance abuse services
- The quality of these services
- How these services meet the needs of consumers

Results from this report are presented to the Area Board and CFAC and are considered in the development of the strategic plan

The Gap Analysis Committee

In July 2007 members of CFAC and staff of the Durham Center established the Gap Analysis Committee to develop a structure and timeline for the analysis

Key CFAC Roles

- Help identify Stakeholders
- Individual and collective input
- Community Organizing/Advocacy
- Partnership in each phase of process
 - Information gathering
 - Focus group planning, recruitment and facilitation
 - committee participation
 - information synthesis

Peer Support Specialist

In September a Peer Support Specialist, CFAC member, was contracted to:

- help coordinate and schedule focus groups
- facilitate focus groups
- recruit additional CFAC volunteers
- serve on the Gap Analysis Committee

Focus Groups

 24 focus groups were held, representing 333 people

 A Town Hall meeting was held with substantial CFAC representation

 CFAC hosted a focus group to provide feedback to The Durham Center

The Report

 A draft of the report was given to the Executive Committee and CFAC for editing and feedback

 In January 2008 a final presentation was presented to CFAC and results were made available

Outcomes

- Community Involvement in Gap Analysis
- Data used in the development of the Strategic Plan
- Strategic Plan guides RFI and RFP requests
- New and expanded services are increasingly a collaboration between recipients, providers and the LME